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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement that was filed on October 29, 2003, Applicants hereby submit a copy of an International Search Report from the U.S. Patent Office that was mailed on November 19, 2003, with respect to patent family member International Patent Application No. PCT/US03/16253, in which the U.S. Patent Examiner cited the following documents:

- U.S. Patent No. 6,538,416 to HAHNE et al., which issued on March 25, 2003;
- U.S. Patent No. 6,496,479 to SHIONOZAKI, which issued on December 17, 2002;
- U.S. Patent No. 6,563,794 to TAKASHIMA et al., which issued on May 13, 2003;

U.S. Patent No. 5,835,710 to NAGAMI et al., which issued on November 10, 1998; and

U.S. Patent No. 6,598,080 to NAGAMI et al., which issued on July 22, 2003.

The category of relevance, pertinent portions, and claims to which each document is relevant, as ascertained by the U.S. Examiner applying U.S. rules to the U.S. claims are set forth in the International Search Report.

Further to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's decision to waive the requirement under 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(i), copies of the U.S. patents are not enclosed herewith. However, if any copies are needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. The above-noted documents are listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form.

The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to the Applicant with the next official communication in the present application.

Applicants note that an Office Action on the merits has not issued in the present application, and thus no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully Submitted, Keith ALLEN et al.

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